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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

The Examiner is advised that the references listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 have come to the attention of the Applicants and/or Applicants' attorney. Copies of these references are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner.

Patent No. EP 0 487 365 B1 shows a terminal, intended to be fixed between a nut (4) and a head (2) of a screw (1), comprises a base (7) which is provided, on the one hand, with a hole (8) of shape matched to the exterior shape of the nut (4) in order for the wedge mounted on the nut to be rotationally immobilised with respect to the latter and which, on the other hand, comprises, projecting from one of its faces and around the perimeter of the hole (8), several teeth (9) permitting the angular prepositioning of the

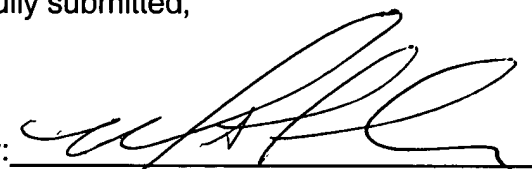
terminal (3) between the teeth and its rotational immobilisation during the tightening of the screw (1). The wedge of this invention contributes to the electrical connection between any two elements of a motor vehicle for example.

It is respectfully submitted that the claims presently pending in this application clearly distinguish over each of the references cited both individually as well as in combination and favorable consideration and allowance thereof is courteously requested.

In the event a first Office Action on the merits has been mailed in the above-identified application prior to the Certificate of Mailing date set forth above, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee due under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) to Applicants' Deposit Account No. 02-2550.

Respectfully submitted,

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